States having Higher Productivity than the National Average

Wheat		Rice		Pulses		Oilseeds		Coarse Cereals	
State	Yield	State	Yield	State	Yield	State	Yield	State	Yield
Punjab	3993	Punjab	3342	Kerala	1069	T.N.	1458	W. Bengal	2198
Delhi	3769	T.N.	3234	Haryana	1008	Haryana	1355	Punjab	2008
Haryana	3663	A.P.	2581	U.P.	840	Punjab	1258	H.P.	1967
		Haryana	2576	Punjab	833	M.P.	843	Bihar	1578
		Karnataka	2379	Bihar	729	U.P.	639	J&K	1556
		W. Bengal	2059	M.P.	659	A.P.	832	U.P.	1283
		Kerala	1963	W. Bengal	623			T.N.	1203
								Karnataka	1192

Wheat Stocks

*330. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :
SHRI SURENDRA YADAV .

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether stock of only two million tonnes of wheat is estimated to be available in the godowns of the Food Corporation of India on 1st April, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is the lowest quantity of wheat stock as compared to previous years of the ninth decade;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure that sufficient stocks of wheat are built up without any further delay so as to provide food safety and protect interests of vulnerable sections of the society ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The likely stock of wheat in the Central Pool as on 1.4.1997 is projected at 2.72 million tonnes.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Government have decided to import upto two million tonnes of wheat in 1996-97 to augment availability in the country. A quantity of 16.75 lakh tonnes of wheat has already been contracted for import from Australia, Canada and Argentina. Some of other important steps taken to ensure that sufficient stocks of wheat are built up include:—

(i) increase in the Minimum Support Price of wheat for procurement during 1997-98;

(ii) preponing procurement season from 1.4.1997 to 17.3.97;

(iii) ban on issue of fresh Registration-cum-Allocation Certificates (RCACs) or revalidation of RCACs already issued for export of wheat and wheat products during 1996-97;

(iv) decision not to announce any export ceiling of non-durum wheat in the Export Policy for 1997-98;

(v) import of wheat in 1997-98 as and when necessary.

Government constantly review the stock position of wheat, likely production, anticipated procurement, requirement for PDS, open market prices etc. for appropriate additional measures.

Area Under Soyabean Cultivation

*331. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the area in hectares under the cultivation of soyabean during the 1994, 1995 and 1996 in each State;